

# KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002

**KCASAAB Members Present:** Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Pam Detrick (awaiting Executive appointment), Roger Goodman (awaiting Executive appointment), Jim Harbaugh, Joyce Proudlock, Bob Seidensticker

**KCASAAB Members Absent (Excused):** Yasmin Smith, Scott Strawn (awaiting County Council confirmation)

**Staff Attending:** Walt Adam, Tami Gregor, Sherry Hamilton, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Jean Robertson

**Guests Present:** Ed Dwyer-O'Conner, CTU/HMC; Caleb Banta-Green, Harvey Funai, Barb McHenry, Ellen Silverman, State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Tim Hartnett, Advocate; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Eleanor Owen, Mental Health Board

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The regular meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. Chair Jim Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., followed by introductions of all members and guests.

#### I. MINUTES

Joyce Proudlock made a motion and was seconded by Joan Clement to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2002 as submitted. The motion was passed and the minutes of February 12, 2002 were approved unanimously.

#### II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

##### A. Legislative Update

Chairman Harbaugh forewarned that time is running out to register and voice our concerns on the proposed budget cuts on mental health and substance abuse programs. The session is scheduled to end this Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The legislators from both houses will make every effort to finish this session on time to enable them to begin their fall reelection campaigns. Therefore, we can expect the legislators to get the budget out by tomorrow night.

A letter signed by Jim Harbaugh and Howard Miller, Chairman of KCASAAB and MHB respectively, was sent to various state legislators to express their grave concern regarding the proposed cuts to mental health and substance abuse programs in the House and Senate 2002 Supplemental Budgets. It was emphasized in the letter that the budget cut in MH/CD services would not result in savings but would put the State deeper in debt because of the shift to more costly services.

Since time is of the essence, whom could we call at this late hour? Geoff suggested calling/faxing the House of Appropriations or leaving a message to legislators or the Governor at toll free hotline 1-800-562-6000. When calling or emailing the legislators to express your concerns on a particular bill, be brief and provide them with the bill number and the title in the subject line.

There was an inquiry on whether State DASA supports the King County ADATSA beds. Barbara McHenry replied to the affirmative. She further explained that when CHAT initially informed the State DASA about closing the facility by June of 2002, Ken Stark supported the distribution of the beds statewide.

The Tobacco Settlement issue was brought up for discussion. Bob expressed reservations on the move to sell off a big portion of the state's \$5 billion in future tobacco settlement payments. He said that it would short-change the people who are supposed to benefit from this settlement. Linda said that she supports the sell off if the funds will be used for its original intents. Discussions followed on the legality of the move of the legislators to sell off the tobacco settlement payments for a short-term budget fix. The selling of future revenue stream at its present value in exchange for a lump sum cash payment now is a common practice in the business world. There are other states who are looking at tobacco bonds as a budget bailout.

The board also discussed the status of the following legislative bills:

**Utility Tax** - The proposed fiscal bill does not look good at this point. If it passes, it would finance some human service programs.

**SHB 2338** - Drug Sentencing bill, which lowers the sentencing for heroin/cocaine delivery in 2002 is awaiting House vote.

**SB6482** – ADATSA bill, which eliminates six-month time on ADATSA (state-funded) treatment, has passed both Houses; awaiting Governor's signature.

**SB 6368** – Regarding prescription drugs is still alive and kicking.

Handouts containing status of other legislative bills were distributed.

Pam Detrick, Co-chair for Joint Board Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee, reported that the joint committee met again last February 27<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting, the joint committee chairpersons recommended that the committee be viewed as future oriented. The committee will continue its pursuit to take a proactive approach.

The committee recommended establishing relationship with King County legislators and with key legislators such as committee chairs, conducting six educational meetings with legislators and/or legislative staff between now and the Annual Legislative Forum, and conducting a very successful Legislative Forum in November 2002

B. Board Recruitment Update

Rhoda reported that Scott Strawn appeared before the members of Law, Justice, and Human Services Committee (LJHS) last March 7<sup>th</sup> for a hearing on his board appointment. The committee unanimously approved his appointment to the board. LJHS will forward their recommendation for Scott's appointment to the board to the King County Council for confirmation.

Roger Goodman and Pam Detrick's application for board membership have been submitted to the King County Executive for action.

Linda Brown brought up the case of Yasmin Smith who has missed more than three board meetings due to her schooling. Yasmin has expressed her regrets for missing the previous board meetings but promised to resume attendance after June 2002 when she finishes her graduate studies. To be consistent with the board bylaws, it was recommended to grant Yasmin a leave of absence until June 2002. Linda or Rhoda will relay this information to Yasmin.

C. Board Planning Retreat Update

The board will hold a planning retreat on April 24, 2002, 4:30-8:00 p.m. at the Dutch Shisler Sobering Service Center, 1930 Boren Avenue, Seattle. Agenda for the retreat will be finalized at the regular board meeting next month.

D. Board Liaison Report

Nancy reported her attendance to the Children and Family Commission meeting. The commission is exploring possibility of partnership with local businesses to support human service programs.

Joan, who serves as co-chair for System Integration Advisory Council (SIAC), reported that SIAC meeting last March 6<sup>th</sup> focused on the budget impact. There is a plan to look into integration of funding of substance abuse and mental health. The work group will conduct a discussion on the pros and cons of separate funding streams versus combined funding streams in the light of current budget cutback.

Jim is unable to attend the Mental Health Board meeting due to conflict in teaching schedule. Linda volunteered to attend the meeting in his place until June 2002.

III. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jean Robertson apologized for coming late due to a Budget Strategic meeting she had to attend on behalf of Jackie, who is on vacation.

Jean announced that the hiring of two assistant managers is pending the approval of Office of Human Resource Management (OHRM). As soon as it is approved, these positions will be advertised.

AJOMP is actively looking at treatment alternatives to incarceration.

The Division is planning a residential services study for both MH and SA. The state Mental Health Division is currently conducting a residential study related to downsizing the state hospitals. The MHCADSD study will use what information the state may generate in addition to our own in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

The budget is presently the largest concern in the county.

On chemical dependency side, Geoff reported that 326 assessments were conducted by the King County Assessment Center for the month of February in spite of shortage of personnel due to illness. There were 106 placements for residential treatment. There is a long waiting list in West Seattle facility.

Geoff had asked sub-contracted agencies to slow down in their spending. The overall performance of the agencies for six months has been good.

On the utilization of Title XIX, the Division is trying to find ways and means to maximize its utilization in this tight budget time. Geoff attributed the issue of eligibility as a barrier for the utilization of Title XIX.

Geoff suggested two items for discussion at the forthcoming board planning retreat, which are funding services – what portion will be used for a particular treatment service, and how to fund youth treatment – what percentage of this should go for case management.

How does State DASA interpret case management? DASA sees case management as a support service not a core service.

Joan recommended looking at system integration rather than pot of money or funding. Geoff mentioned that the Division is checking out some CSAT grants as possible funding source.

#### IV. PRESENTATION

Ellen Silverman distributed copies of the “Drug Trend in King County”. She acknowledged the members of the work group who put this report together every quarter. The work group meets twice annually. She also gave due recognition to Geoff Miller who provided data on drug trends in this report.

She then walked the attendees through the document and highlighted the following facts on drug abuse patterns and trends:

- Recent data suggest a decline in use of heroin.
- The indicators of cocaine use show an increase in use of this particular drug after several years of decline.
- Use of methamphetamine continues to rise, although at a lower rate than in other areas of the State.
- Marijuana use is increasing.
- The use of club drugs seems higher in certain populations. There are four club drug-related deaths reported.

The recent Kiwi Study, conducted by the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, shows that Hepatitis C is on the rise. Statistics show that there is a decline in admission in public-funded treatment from 13 down to 11.5%.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Board Chairman